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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Measure: HB3431

Good morning,

. Oregon desperately needs more investment in programs to create generational wealth for communities most impacted by the war on drugs. But this bill is not the solution.

Our concern with HB 3431 is as follows:

- Divert half of the proceeds away from the Drug Treatment & Recovery Fund, leaving less than half of the current service level for 2023-2025 biennium.
- It would harm community-based providers serving Black, Brown, Indigenous, Tribal, Latino, and other communities of color, who already suffer from low access to services and high addiction rates.
- It would contradict the policy intent of HB 3431, which is to create generational wealth for communities most impacted by the war on drugs.
- Significantly reduce funding for behavioral health and addiction recovery services by diverting 50% of proceeds away from the Drug Treatment & Recovery Fund, resulting in an estimated loss of \$97.5 million per biennium from current, essential mental health and addiction treatment and prevention services, including housing.

Thank you,

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